

# April 10

2 Peter 3:9

**“God is Not Slack”**

**The Lord is not slack  
concerning his promise, as  
some men count slackness;  
but is longsuffering to us-  
ward, not willing that any  
should perish, but that all  
should come to repentance.**

When we look at how  
much destruction,  
confusion, chaos,  
greed, injustice, and  
the blatant breaking of  
both human as well as

God's laws goes  
unchecked and  
unpunished, it may  
*seem* as if God is either  
unconcerned or is  
unwilling, or unable to  
fix things—  
or is even non-existent.

However, it may be  
that God is just so  
merciful and patient  
rather than careless or

absent that makes God  
ever so slow to punish  
some things.

According to this  
passage, God tolerates  
a lot from humankind  
because God does not  
desire anyone to  
“perish” or to be  
eternally condemned.

It is God’s desire that

everyone would repent  
and, though some view  
that compassion as  
weakness, it is  
fondness rather than  
feebleness; mercy, not  
madness.

Yes, sometimes it  
really does seem as if  
God is slack. Maybe we  
don't understand, or  
we forget what has

already been done on  
our behalf or we just  
don't understand what  
he has actually  
promised versus what  
we want to believe he  
has promised.

We need to know, from  
Scripture—not from  
preacher, exactly what  
God has promised  
before we conclude

anything concerning  
God's promises.

God is not slack or  
haphazard.

*God's long, long, long,  
long-suffering* is not  
forever-suffering  
though. God will make  
good on His  
promises—both  
pleasant as well as  
unpleasant.